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SUBJECT: BREZHNEV VISIT TO FRG - MAY 4 DINNER TOAST

1. IN A TOAST GIVEN AT PRESIDENT SCHEEL'S DINNER IN HIS HONOR ON MAY 4, BREZHNEV: TERMED DISARMAMENT THE MOST IMPORTANT TASK AT HAND AND CALLED FOR CONCRETE STEPS TO REDUCE FORCES AND ARMS IN CENTRAL EUROPE; CALLED FOR BINDING MUTUAL AGREEMENTS TO PREVENT THE PRODUCTION OF THE NEUTRON BOMB; AND TERMED DETENTE IRREVERSIBLE. THERE FOLLOWS AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF KEY PORTIONS OF BREZHNEV'S REMARKS:

2. DISARMAMENT: "LET US SEE TO IT THAT THERE IS A HALT TO THE INCREASE IN ARMAMENTS. LET US INTRODUCE CONCRETE STEPS TO REDUCE FORCES AND ARMAMENTS BOTH GLOBALLY AND IN EUROPE, PARTICULARLY IN CENTRAL EUROPE. LET US AGREE TO A RENUNCIATION OF THE PRODUCTION AND STATIONING OF NEW WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION. THROUGH BINDING MUTUAL AGREEMENTS LET US PREVENT THE NEUTRON BOMB."
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BOMB, THIS SINISTER GIFT THAT SOME WANT TO BRING TO THE PEOPLE OF OUR CONTINENT, FROM SEEING THE LIGHT OF DAY. THE SOVIET UNION HAS JUST SUBMITTED A SET OF PROPOSALS ON COMPLETELY STOPPING THE FURTHER QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE GROWTH OF ARMS AND FORCES OF THOSE STATES WHICH POSSESS CONSIDERABLE MILITARY POTENTIAL. WE ARE CONVINCED THAT TODAY THERE IS NO MORE IMPORTANT TASK

THAN TO CLOSE OFF ALL CHANNELS OF THE ARMS RACE,
WHETHER NUCLEAR OR CONVENTIONAL. WE ASK ALL STATES TO
JOIN IN THIS EFFORT...INCLUDING OUR PARTNERS AND FRIENDS
IN THE FRG."

3. BILATERAL RELATIONS: BREZHNEV SAID THE "RESULT OF
BILATERAL COOPERATION WAS IMPORTANT AND TANGIBLE. IT IS
MANIFESTED IN DEVELOPING POLITICAL CONTACTS, IN THE
EXTENSIVE ECONOMIC TIES, WHICH CONTINUE TO GROW,
AND IN THE INCREASING TRAFFIC OF VISITORS. BUT I DO
NOT WISH TO IMPLY THAT THE TIME HAS COME TO FOLD OUR
HANDS AND BE COMPLACENT AT WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED...
THERE ARE STILL PLENTY OF PROBLEMS."

4. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: BREZHNEV SAID, "AS I HAVE
OFTEN SAID BEFORE, ONE MUST FIGHT FOR PEACE. DETENTE
MUST BE INTENSIFIED AND MADE IRREVERSIBLE...IT IS WELL
KNOWN THAT IN THE FRG AND IN OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES
THERE ARE MILLIONS OF PEOPLE AND MANY IMPORTANT
STATESMEN WHO DESIRE PEACE AND CLOSE COOPERATION WITH
THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER STATES OF THE SOCIALIST
COMMUNITY. BUT WE ALSO KNOW THAT IN THE WEST IN
GENERAL AND ALSO IN YOUR COUNTRY THERE ARE OPPONENTS
OF DETENTE."

5. COMMENT: AN AMERICAN JOURNALIST ADVISES THAT A
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RUSSIAN-SPEAKING COLLEAGUE FROM REUTERS TOLD HIM THAT

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AN ERROR EXISTS IN THE GERMAN LANGUAGE TEXT OF
BREZHNEV'S SPEECH, AS ISSUED BY THE SOVIET EMBASSY
HERE. ACCORDING TO THIS JOURNALIST, THE RUSSIAN
VERSION DELIVERED BY BREZHNEV REFERRED TO BINDING
AGREEMENTS (PARA 2, SENTENCE 4 ABOVE) ON THE NEUTRON
BOMB IN THE SINGULAR RATHER THAN THE PLURAL AS STATED
IN THE EMBASSY TEXT, ON WHICH THIS TRANSLATION IS
BASED.

FRG DISARMAMENT COMMISSIONER RUTH TOLD US THAT HE SAW
NOTHING NEW IN THE FORMULATIONS REGARDING DISARMAMENT
IN CENTRAL EUROPE AND THE NEUTRON BOMB.
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